

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

SLIDING ELEMENT

described and claimed

in the attached specification;  
 in the specification filed \_\_\_\_\_, as U.S. Application  
Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, and as amended \_\_\_\_\_  
 in the specification filed as PCT application No. PCT/DE2003/001314  
on 22 April 2003 and as amended under  
PCT Art. 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, as indicated. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate and any PCT application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed, and which is material to the examination of this application.

Prior Foreign Applications(s):

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	Priority Claimed <u>Yes</u> / <u>No</u>
PCT/DE2003/001314	PCT	22 April 2003	YES

which application is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

I appoint

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my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all telephone calls to (937) 298-2811. Address all correspondence to: JACOX, MECKSTROTH & JENKINS, 2310 Far Hills Building, Dayton, Ohio 45419-1575.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Whereas EUROFLAMM GMBH, a corporation of Germany, having a place of business at Bremer Heerstrasse 39, 28719 Bremen, Germany, is the owner by assignment of the entire right, title and interest in and to United States Patent Application entitled SLIDING ELEMENT (Docket No. VOL 053 P2), and of the inventions described and claimed therein and which is hereby incorporated herein by reference;

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